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ANNOUNCEMENT

SUBJECT: Call For 2004 Software of the Year Award Nominations

NASA's Chief Engineer, as co-sponsor with Office of Safety and Mission Assurance and Chief Information Officer, are calling for submissions for the 2004 NASA Software of the Year Award to give recognition to software developed and owned by NASA. Submissions are due to Ms. Dale Hithon (GSFC's Awards Liaison Officer), Code 504, by March 26, 2004, for review by a Goddard ad-hoc committee.

This prestigious award includes a trophy, a certificate signed by the NASA Administrator, and a monetary award of up to \$100,000 with monetary recognition to meritorious entries. This award is presented to author(s) of software wherein:

- NASA must have an intellectual property interest in the software, including:
 - The determination by Patent Counsel that the software is or may be a licensable invention (i.e., suitable for patenting); or
 - Assignment of associated copyrights to NASA for the software; or
 - A registered NASA trademark for the software;
- The software must have been reported to the Office of Technology Transfer via NASA Form 1679 or electronically through eNTRe (<http://techtransfer.gsfc.nasa.gov/>)
- The software must have been supported, adopted, sponsored, or used by NASA;
- The software must be significant to the NASA mission(s); and,
- The software must have been tested and documented per the requirements of NPD 2820 section 1(e).
- The software must be processed in accordance with NPD/NPG 2210, "External Release of NASA Software."

Full details on submitting applications and links to forms can be found on the NASA Inventions and Contributions Board Web site at <http://icb.nasa.gov>. NASA Form 1329 must be filled out for each entry. A software application package consists only of the following documents:

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- a. A NASA Form 1329 (Invention and Contribution Board Space Act Award application) in its current and standard format.
- b. A Summary Evaluation Document (six pages maximum) specifically focusing on the Software of Year Advisory Panel's evaluation criteria.
- c. Letters of endorsement for the software being nominated.
- d. NASA Form 1679, "Disclosure of Invention and New Technology (Including Software)," at <http://invention.nasa.gov/> or eNTRe at <http://techtransfer.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

Copies of the software, sample applications and data, and descriptive documentation of the packages should be included, in addition to evidence demonstrating the impact and degree of innovation and suitability of the entry. All nomination packages should be routed through your Directorate. Also, all of the above forms, except Part II of NASA Form 1329, must be submitted electronically, either on compact disk, superdisk, or zip drive.

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